



Finance Committee Meeting Commission Chamber - 1/26/2015

**ATTENDANCE:**

Present: Hons. Guilfoyle, Chairman; Sias, Vice Chairman; Harris and Hasan, members.

Absent: Hon. Hardie Davis, Mayor.

**FINANCE**

1. Motion to authorize dialog and initial planning with GRU to establish the groundwork for an Augusta Richmond County Economic Summit. The projected date will occur after the Masters Tournament. (Requested by Commissioner Sammie Sias) **Item Action:** Approved

**Motions**

Motion Type	Motion Text	Made By	Seconded By	Motion Result
Approve	Motion to approve allowing planning for the summit to begin.	Commissioner Louis Harris	Commissioner Sammie Sias	Passes

2. Discuss development opportunities in Richmond County and options for promoting those opportunities/update from DDA on their efforts in promoting similar opportunities downtown. (Requested by Commissioner Davis) **Item Action:** Approved

**Motions**

Motion Type	Motion Text	Made By	Seconded By	Motion Result
Approve	Motion to approve receiving this item as information.	Commissioner Sammie Sias	Commissioner Louis Harris	Passes

3. Motion to approve the minutes of the Finance Committee held on January 12, 2015. **Item Action:** Approved

## Motions

<b>Motion Type</b>	<b>Motion Text</b>	<b>Made By</b>	<b>Seconded By</b>	<b>Motion Result</b>
Approve	Motion to approve.	Commissioner Sammie Sias	Commissioner Louis Harris	Passes

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**Department:**

**Caption:**

**Background:**

**Analysis:**

**Financial Impact:**

**Alternatives:**

**Recommendation:**

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Commissioners and Mayor,

We, the political leaders of our great city must take full responsibility for its economic well-being. I am asking for your support to authorize dialog for the drafting of an area Economic Summit plan.

The purposes of this summit are many fold.

- First, we the leaders and citizenry must realize in a collective sense the great resources that exist here in Richmond County and the surrounding area
- Next we must assess our strengths and weaknesses
- Then we must market and leverage these advantageous opportunities to the world. The world meaning businesses of all types, cyber companies, light and heavy industry, real estate investors, and on and on.
- Please review the list of great resources we have here in Augusta-Richmond County and the surrounding area.

Georgia Regents University has agreed to collaborate with us to initiate and plan the process. Once started many other agencies will join in to help make this a great success.

I am asking for your support and input to begin the dialog. We have highly qualified folks in our area to make this successful.

There is no perfect plan; however, no plan will ever succeed without effort. Our city and our citizens deserve our very best effort in this endeavor.

Thank You

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# **Economic Summit**

## **Any City or County would kill for the resources we have.**

No other city in Georgia or the United States can beat the combination of assets we have in our area. The main hurdle we must is ourselves.

1. **The Savannah River**
2. **The Augusta National**
3. **The Masters Golf Tournament**
4. **James Brown's home**
5. **Jessie Norman's home**
6. **Fort Gordon, Army Military Installation**
7. **The National Security Agency (NSA) Command – At Fort Gordon**
8. **Cyber Command – At Fort Gordon**
9. **Age Friendly designated city**
10. **Georgia Regents University (GRU)**
11. **GRU Children's Hospital**
12. **GRU Dental School**
13. **University Hospital, renowned heart surgery institute**
14. **Doctor's Hospital renowned Joseph M. Still Burn Center**
15. **Savanah River Site (SRS)**
16. **Georgia Power Plant Vogtle**
17. **Historic Paine College**
18. **The Augusta Canal**
19. **The Augusta Green Jackets**
20. **The Trade and Exhibit Center**
21. **Numerous Marquee Hotels and Convention Centers**
22. **(Two VA) Veteran Administration Hospitals**
23. **A thriving and growing Industrial base and (No Energy Excise Tax)**
24. **The Richmond County Development Authority**
25. **The CSRA Chamber of Commerce**
26. **The Civic Center (expect more on this)**
27. **The Bell Auditorium**
28. **Our neighboring sister counties Aikin Cty SC and Columbia Cty GA**



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Augusta Richmond County Economic Summit**

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## Lena Bonner

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**From:** Commissioner Mary Davis  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 21, 2015 8:59 AM  
**To:** Lena Bonner  
**Subject:** Committee meetings

Lena please put discuss development opportunities in Richmond county and options for promoting those opportunities/ update from dda on their efforts in promoting similar opportunities downtown....on Mondays committee meeting agenda. Thanks Mary

Sent from my iPhone

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Development Opportunities**

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(Requested by Commissioner Davis)

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Finance Committee Meeting Commission Chamber - 1/12/2015

**ATTENDANCE:**

Present: Hons. Guilfoyle, Chairman; Sias, Vice Chairman; Harris and Hasan, members.  
 Absent: Hon. Hardie Davis, Mayor.

**FINANCE**

1. Approve the replacement of 1 passenger van, used by Departments for transport to various training activities, for the Fleet Management Division. Bid 14-195 **Item Action:** Approved

**Motions**

Motion Type	Motion Text	Made By	Seconded By	Motion Result
Approve	Motion to approve. Mr. Harris out. Motion Passes 3-0.	Commissioner Sammie Sias	Commissioner Ben Hasan	Passes

2. Consider a request from Mr. Bill Powell of Halcken Investment Properties regarding a waiver of fees on his properties. **Item Action:** Rescheduled

**Motions**

Motion Type	Motion Text	Made By	Seconded By	Motion Result
Defer	Motion to approve referring this to the full Commission with no recommendation. Motion Passes 4-0.	Commissioner Sammie Sias	Commissioner Ben Hasan	Passes

3. Approve property insurance coverage for 2015 offered through Affiliated FM, current carrier, for a premium of \$419,750 for full blanket coverage and limited flood coverage in flood prone areas. **Item Action:** Approved

**Motions**

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Approve	Motion to approve. Motion Passes 4-0.	Commissioner Sammie Sias	Commissioner Louis Harris	Passes

4. Update on the proposed \$1.00 Hotel/Motel tax to be used for beautification of the gateways of the city. (Requested by Commissioner Fennoy) **Item Action: Approved**

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Approve	Motion to approve referring this item to the attorney to come back with language related to the tax and not the fee that would be an additional source of revenue within the confines of the law. Motion Passes 4-0.	Commissioner Sammie Sias	Commissioner Ben Hasan	Passes

5. Presentation by Kim Hines regarding Grow Harrisburg. (Requested by Commissioner Fennoy) **Item Action: Approved**

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Defer	Motion to refer this item to the full Commission with no recommendation. Mr. Harris out. Motion Passes 3-0.	Commissioner Sammie Sias	Commissioner Ben Hasan	Passes

6. Motion to approve the minutes of the Finance Committee held on November 24, 2014. **Item Action: Approved**

**Motions**

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Approve	Motion to approve. Mr. Harris out. Motion Passes 3-0.	Commissioner Sammie Sias Commissioner Ben Hasan Passes

7. Approve the continuation of the GPS annual tracking service subscription with GPS North America. **Item Action: Approved**

**Motions**

Motion Type	Motion Text	Made By	Seconded By	Motion Result
Approve	Motion to approve and to also task the Administrator to come back in 30 to 45 days to determine how to make it a part of the disciplinary personnel action for violations going forward that will follow up from the gathering of information through the GPS tracking system and that quarterly reports from departments be given to the Commission regarding any abuses. Motion Passes 4-0.	Commissioner Sammie Sias	Commissioner Ben Hasan	Passes

8. Motion to approve the purchasing of assigned technology equipment to the current outgoing Mayor and Commissioners as outlined in the Depreciation Schedule. **Item Action: Approved**

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Approve	Motion to approve. Mr. Harris out. Motion Passes 3-0.	Commissioner Sammie Sias	Commissioner Ben Hasan	Passes



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Minutes**

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